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**Local Artisan Contributes Statue Dedicated to Veterans**  
*“Grace” to Become Prominent Feature at Thornton Veterans Memorial*

THORNTON, Colorado – Sculptor Christopher Romero, well known for his works seen across the Denver metro area, announced he will donate his latest work as a contribution to the Thornton Veterans Memorial project.

Titled “Grace”, the nearly four-foot tall statue of a winged angel releasing a dove with dog tags is an extraordinarily moving piece of artwork. Grace’s outstretched arms symbolize the release of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to this nation. The dog tags carried aloft by a dove provide a visual and emotional representation of those brave men and women.

In announcing the contribution Mr. Romero said, “This is simply about doing what is right to honor our nation’s veterans. Grace belongs at this memorial and I am pleased that she will have a home honoring heroes.”

Romero’s contribution of the sculpture is valued at \$12,000 and the Thornton Veterans Memorial Foundation will be funding the casting and molding estimated at \$4,500.

The initial stages of work on “Grace” have been completed and the sculpture is now at the foundry where it will be rendered in bronze, a process estimated to take 90 days. Once complete the statue will be placed with the other features of the Thornton Veterans Memorial located near 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Holly Street.

“Grace will be a central feature of the Thornton Veterans Memorial and adds a human element that quite literally brings tears to your eyes,” Tony Hake, chairman of the foundation said. “On behalf of all veterans we thank Mr. Romero for the generosity he has shown in sharing Grace with the community.”



## About the Sculptor / Artist Christopher L. Romero

Public art is perhaps one of the single most important contributions we can make to society. Art can make us think. Art can make us feel emotion. Art can bring to light a memory. Art can evoke a sense of honor to those things we value or feel are important to us. Indeed, art can do all these things and more. Throughout this ever-changing world we live in art has always been a constant and it has served to remind us of who we are and where we have been, since the beginning of mankind.



Christopher Romero believes it is his challenge as an artist to create sculpture that does all of these things. He sculpts out of the passion for art and respect for the subjects he selects. Truth, beauty, honor, and spirit are all goals that Romero seeks with his artwork and his resume bears out his success in achieving those goals.

Romero's artwork is now held by many private collectors across the nation. Municipalities in Colorado have flocked to obtain his extraordinary work for their parks and museums including the town of Parker, the cities of Thornton, Westminster and the city of Lone Tree. The city of Thornton proudly displays "Messenger," an extraordinary bald eagle sculpture that is a prominent feature of the city's civic center.

More information about Mr. Romero can be found on his website at:  
<http://www.clrmetalart.com/>.

## About the Thornton Veterans Memorial Foundation

Founded in 2005, the Thornton Veterans Memorial Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established by citizens of Thornton, Colorado with the sole purpose of building and maintaining a veterans memorial. Our nation's veterans have served and protected the United States for over 230 years. They have made sacrifices small and large, all to ensure the freedom of this great nation. A fitting and proper tribute is a small way of showing our appreciation for their service. Privately funded and created, the Foundation works to make this memorial a reality all veterans.



The memorial is located in the vicinity of 136th Ave and Holly Street in front of the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Veterans Memorial Aquatics Center. Coupled with the Veterans Memorial Aquatics Center, the entire area becomes a 'destination' dedicated to honoring veterans.

The first phase of construction of the veterans memorial is nearly complete and fundraising is continuing for a second phase. To learn more about the Foundation and the memorial project, please visit our website at <http://www.thorntonveteransmemorial.org>.